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Dear colleagues:

The EO-1 Science Validation Team has now completed data collection over the full Northern Hemisphere's growing season. Based on positive response to the August workshop and forum and formal indications of interest, NASA has committed to an extended mission. Mission life will depend on the total level of reimbursable interest. For those that have committed by responding with a completed Tasking Questionnaire, you will be contacted shortly to consummate the formal reimbursable agreements and begin the task planning process. For those that have not committed or submitted letters of interest, it is important that you do so to help us with mission life planning. General information and the Tasking Questionnaire are contained here for your use. The Tasking Questionnaire can be submitted electronically.

Before an actual tasking agreement is concluded, you will have the opportunity to look at sample data sets and assess the general utility of the data for your application area. Your actual image collection request will be considered based on (1) the date on which NASA receives your order and, (2) any exigent tasking priorities identified during the task planning activity. For actual data requestors, your request objectives, intended report of validation results, and funding commitment will be codified in a Space Act Agreement. In the event that EO-1 operation ceases before your data is acquired, any associated cost incurred by NASA will not be charged.

Please send your completed tasking questionnaire as soon as possible to Joe Young at joseph.p.young.1@gsfc.nasa.gov or by fax at 301-286-1736. In any case NASA seeks your general comments and recommendations regarding the assumptions and plans for the extended mission. Questions may be directed to Joe Young at 301-286-8146 or Lou Schuster at NASA Headquarters (202-358-0772).

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